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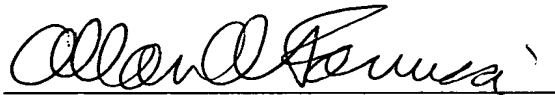
Pursuant to applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, thirteen (13) references for the Examiner's review and consideration are listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of an International Search Report of a counterpart application is also enclosed.

Pursuant to the recent rule change in the Official Gazette, copies of the U.S. references are not submitted. It is respectfully requested that these references be made of record in this application by the Examiner's completion and return of the PTO Form 1449.

It is noted that DE 19753494 is a counterpart application to FR 2,761,526; WO 01/15215 is a counterpart application to FR 2,797,713; and US Patent No. 6,403,450 is a counterpart case to FR 2,777,115.

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